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1. (C/NF) Summary. After giving a brief overview of UK Foreign Secretary Miliband's and a British Parliamentary Group's separate visits to Sri Lanka, FCO Sri Lanka team leader Tim Waite and Desk Officer Sharon Diaz told Poloff May 7 that the civilians caught in the conflict zone remain Miliband and Kouchner Visit

13. (C) Waite described Miliband and French Foreign Secretary Kouchner's April 29 visit as "good," though Miliband was "disappointed" that the

14. (SBU) The UK continues to press on five specific humanitarian points: the need for visas to be issued swiftly to international humanitarian organizations

Special Envoy Des Browne Finally Makes It to Sri Lanka

15. (C) Waite said a cross party group of MPs visited Sri Lanka May 4-5 at the Sri Lanka Government's invitation, including the Prime Minister's office in India

16. (C) Browne is currently in India, where Waite confessed he was having trouble getting meetings with the Indian Government's political level

Next Steps

17. (C) The UK plans to continue its "concerted drive to achieve a fully inclusive political settlement," Waite said. The EU Troika is visiting

Comment

18. (C/NF) Waite said that much of HMG and ministerial attention to Sri Lanka is due to the "very vocal" Tamil Diaspora in the UK, numbering over 500,000. Visit London's Classified Website: [http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Unit\\_ed\\_Kingdom](http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Unit_ed_Kingdom)